(b) The budget provided to this Institute during 1991-92 was Rs. 245.00 Lakhs under non plan and Rs. 195.00 Lakhs under Plan.

(c) The Quinquennial Review Team set up by the ICAR had evaluated the work of this Institute in 1991. The Team has commended the work done by the Institute in bringing out agro-ecological regions map of the country and the Mission Project on soil map of the country and the different states. So far the soil maps of the states namely Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Meghalaya, Punjab and Haryana and Union Territories of Pondicherry and Andamans and Nicobar Islands have been completed. The Team has recommended for strengthening of Land Use Planning units at the Institute and its regional centres and to assist the State Agricultural Universities in developing land use planning units at the Universities.

Annual Expenditure of Cental Cotton Research Institute, Nagpur

780. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual expenditure of the Central Cotton Research Institute, Nagpur during 1991-92;

(b) out of that, what is the total expenditure on the. emoluments of the staff; and

(c) whether Government have made any evaluation of the working of this Institute, and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Sir, the annual expenditure of Central Cotton Research Institute, Nagpur is Rs. 273.35 lakhs during 1991-92.

(b) Total expenditure on emoluments of the staff is Rs. 142.56 lakhs. 6—405 RSS/93

(c) The working of the OCR, Nagpur is evaluated on five yearly basis through constitution of Quinquennial Review Team. A Quinquennial Review Team for the period 1982—1986 has reviewed the performance of the Institute.

Shortfall in Foodgrain Production

781. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be shortfall in foodgrain production in the current year against the target;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of the shortfall;

(c) whether the shortfall would have any impact on foodgrain prices as well as buffer stock operaions; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to neutralise the impact ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) The final estimates of production of kharif foodgrains have not yet become due from the States. Sowings of rabi crops are also still in progress. At this stage, it is difficult to indicate the precise estimate of quantity of shortfall in foodgrains production from the targeted level for the current year. However, according to available assessment the production of kharif foodgrains during 1992-93 is likely to fall short by about 3 million tonnes from tile targeted (level of 103.25 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) The level of foodgrains production is one of the various determinants of foodgrain prices. The price level as well as size of buffersiock is influenced by carry-over stock, imports management of buffer stock and distribution system as well as other determinants of demand like